A.—The Government have already issued orders on the points referred to by the hon. Member. Copies of these orders will be furnished to him.

Publication of the Village Courts Act, 1920, *in the vernaculars.*

567 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state when copies of the Village Panchayat Courts Act of 1920 and the rules framed thereunder will be available in the chief vernaculars of the province for the benefit of courts and the public?

A.—They are already available at the Government Press.

Amount of loans advanced in famine-affected areas.

568 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) the amount of loans advanced in the famine-affected areas during the official years 1920–21 and 1921–22 respectively and the amount of loan outstanding out of the total advances made; and

(2) the amounts which have so far been found after inquiry to be irrecoverable and recommended to be written off?

A.—The report due from the Board on the subject has not yet been received.

Diversion of the river Tungabhadra.

569 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the suggestions of the Collectors of Bellary and Anantapur, that the Tungabhadra river may be diverted into a perennially running channel starting from the north-east corner of the district and that an existing channel leading from the Hagari river may be widened so as to provide irrigation facilities for an additional extent of 500 or 600 acres, have been referred to the Chief Engineer for Government for consideration; and

(2) if so, the conclusions which the Chief Engineer has arrived at as a result of his examination of the schemes?

A.—The proposal of excavating a channel from the Tungabhadra river has for the present been given up as there may be some difficulty in obtaining adequate river supplies during the low season for the lands in the Bellary district. As regards the other scheme—widening an existing channel leading from the Hagari river—investigation is being made regarding the discharge in the river and the scheme will be considered after completion of this investigation.

Foresters in the Bellary, Kurnool and Anantapur districts.

570 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) the scale of pay of the foresters in the Bellary, Kurnool and Anantapur districts;